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For: HOT SUBSTRATE DEPOSITION FIBER OPTIC PREFORMS AND PREFORM
COMPONENTS PROCESS AND APPARATUS

RESPONSE

To the Director of Patents and Trademarks

Sir:

In response to the office action dated June 6, 2003, the applicant provisionally elects Species: A1, B2, C3, D1, E1, F3, G2, H1, I2, J1, K2, L2, M1, N1, O1 and P2.

Group II method claims 17-25, 65-73, 76-116, 117, 120, 123-127, 131-134, 136-142, 143-147, 149 and 150 read upon the elected species and are allowable generic claims for the other species.

Apparatus claims 1-13, 14-15, 26-40 and 41-64 are linking claims, containing elements similar to the steps in the method claims.

Dependent product claims 103, 122, 129 and 130 are linking claims containing all of the steps of the method claims from which they depend.

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All of those claims read on the elected species and are allowable and generic, and independent claims 1, 14, 17, 26, 41, 104, 117, 125, 131 and 143 are allowable generic claims.

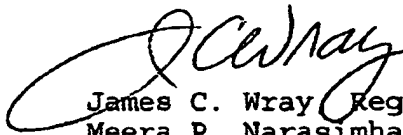
The number of each species is reasonable.

The requirement for election of species is traversed because the invention is unitary and arises out of the same inventive concept.

CONCLUSION

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully,



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